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## **FIRE VICTIMS CAN DEFER PROPERTY TAX PAYMENT**

***Owners of Property Damaged in Fallbrook Fire Have Option to Defer April 10 Payment***

County Treasurer-Tax Collector Bart Hartman announced today that eligible property owners whose property was damaged or destroyed in the Fallbrook fire may choose to defer the second installment of their property tax bill. Property owners who successfully apply to the County Assessor and have their property reassessed to reflect its damaged condition will receive a tax credit. The payment of the second installment, normally due April 10, can be deferred until the credit is determined and applied to the amount due.

Property owners must submit their applications for reassessment to the Assessor's office within 60 days from the date the damage occurred. The damage must be in excess of \$5,000 market value. "An additional application for payment deferral is not necessary," added Hartman. "We'll work with the Assessor's office to identify the eligible properties and notify the owners of their payment options."

The Application for Reassessment of Property Damaged by Misfortune or Calamity can be obtained from any County Assessor office or their Web site at [www.sdarcc.com](http://www.sdarcc.com). For information about the claim form call the Assessor's office in San Marcos at (760) 940-6868. For information about payment options, call Hartman's office at (619) 236-2424.

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